

## AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth below:

CLAIMS 1-2 CANCELLED

3. (AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim [[2]] 18 wherein said foot support is spring loaded and normally urged by said spring into said folded position.

CLAIM 4 (CANCELLED)

5.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim [[4]] 18 further including a support plate pivotally mounted on said lower surface at said head end of said rectangular member for pivotal movement between a folded position on said lower surface and an extended position essentially normal thereto, said support plate pivoting about an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of said rectangular member.

6.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim [[4]] 18 wherein said foot support and said support plate extend between said rail members and support said rail members in the extended position.

7.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim [[1]] 18 further including a flexible cord attached at one end to each corner of said rectangular member, each said cord having a gripping

handle attached to the opposite end.

8.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 18 wherein an axle and wheel assembly is secured at said one end of each said rail member terminating adjacent said foot end of said rectangular member.

9.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 18 wherein an opposed pair of track assemblies each carrying an endless track are affixed to said rectangular member at the foot end thereof for movement of said patient transport board over uneven surfaces when said patient transport board is essentially vertically oriented.

10.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim 9 wherein each said track assembly comprises a front and rear bogey wheel on which is supported said endless track, said track assembly further comprises an axle for each said bogey wheel, a tie rod extending between said axles and a suspension bar connected to said tie rod and to said ~~rectangular member~~ support board.

11.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim 10 wherein a suspension bar is journaled ~~[[in]]~~ at each edge of said ~~rectangular member~~ support board adjacent said foot end thereof for rotation about an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of said ~~rectangular member~~ support board whereby each said track assembly pivots independently ~~of the other~~.

12.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim 10 wherein a single suspension bar is

pivotally affixed to said lower surface of ~~the rectangular member~~ said support board adjacent said foot end thereof for rotation about an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of said rectangular member whereby said track assemblies pivot simultaneously.

13.(AMENDED) The patient transport board of claim 10 wherein said suspension rod is affixed to ~~the~~ said support board and said track assemblies are pivotally connected to said suspension rod for pivoting about an axis normal to the axis of said suspension rod.

#### CLAIM 14 (CANCELLED)

15. (ORIGINAL) Apparatus for converting a patient transport board to an emergency patient transport board capable of transporting a patient in the horizontal orientation and an essentially vertical orientation, said apparatus comprising:

a frame member comprising a pair of spaced apart longitudinal members, the spacing between said longitudinal members being sufficient to receive a patient transport board, upper and lower transverse members, a rail member pivotally mounted on each said longitudinal members for pivoting about an axis parallel to the axis of said longitudinal member for movement between a retracted position and an extended position, said lower transverse member being pivotally affixed to said longitudinal members for pivoting about an axis perpendicular to said longitudinal members for movement between a folded position essentially parallel to said longitudinal members and an extended position substantially normal to said longitudinal members to define a supporting surface for a patient when a patient transport board is received between said longitudinal members and said board and frame are in an essentially vertical

orientation, said upper transverse member being pivotally mounted for movement about an axis perpendicular to said longitudinal members for movement between a folded position essentially parallel to said longitudinal members and an extended position substantially normal to said longitudinal members between said rail members when said rail members are in the extended position thereby to support said rail members in the extended position.

16.(ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 15 further including at least one restraining strap extending between said longitudinal members and secured thereto

17.(ORIGINAL) The apparatus of claim 15 further including a generally rectangular member having a flat upper surface secured between said longitudinal members and said upper and lower transverse members.

18.(NEW) An emergency services patient transport board comprising a support board defining an essentially flat upper surface on which a patient lies, a lower surface, a foot end and a head end, at least one restraining member secured to said support board for securing a patient thereon, a foldable foot support mounted on said upper surface of said support board at said foot end thereof for movement between a folded position on said upper surface and an extended position essentially perpendicular to said upper surface, said foot support pivoting about an axis normal to the longitudinal axis of said rectangular member thereby to provide a support platform for the feet of a patient when said patient is on said support board, a skid plate mounted on said lower surface of said support board at said foot end to define a supporting surface when said support board is in a substantially vertical orientation, an opposed pair of rail members pivotally

mounted on said lower surface of said support board, said rail members extending parallel to the longitudinal axis of said support board, one end of each said rail member terminating adjacent said foot end of said support member, said rail members being pivotally mounted for movement between a folded position on said lower surface of said support board and an extended position extending substantially perpendicular to said lower surface, said rail members pivoting about an axis parallel to the longitudinal axis of said support board.